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ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

10 The invention concerns a ring for marking and identifying animals comprising a male tag with a punch passing through the animal's ear and penetrating into a hollow head (2) of a female tag (1) under the action of a clamp. The invention is characterised in that one of the male or female tags is provided with a means (7), lateral to label and detachable therefrom, for sampling biological material extracted from the animal's ear wall when it is pierced by the punch, said sampling means including an absorbent material (9/13), and in that said means (7) is linked to one of the jaws (3) of the
15 clamp and the opening of the clamp jaws and/or its removal from the animal's ear separates the sampling means (7) from the tag concerned (1).